

SkillsUSA
MID-AMERICA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Columbus, Nebraska
OCTOBER 18-22, 2006

The SkillsUSA Mid-America Leadership Conference will be held from October 18-22, 2006, at the New World Inn in Columbus, Nebraska. The address is:

New World Inn
Highways 30 and 81 South
Columbus, Nebraska 68601
(800) 433-1492

Missouri SkillsUSA views the MID-AMERICA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE as an important step in the training process of officers and advisors. The **CONFERENCE** is based on the SkillsUSA **OUTSTANDING CHAPTER GUIDELINES**. The participants work hard and learn more than they could imagine while having fun. The participants will return motivated. This **CONFERENCE** is designed to provide **hands-on** learning experiences and will aid all participants in running leadership activities. You will also gain valuable insight into other state and local SkillsUSA chapters and what they do.

SkillsUSA Official attire shall be worn during all General Sessions. The SkillsUSA National Code of Conduct shall apply to this conference. Do not over pack. Each participant is limited to one bag and a carry-on.

Registration expenses are the responsibility of each chapter. SkillsUSA Missouri will make all room arrangements and assignments. The following registration packages are available for the four days in Nebraska:

Package A (4 to a room, 10 meals and registration) - \$225.00

Package B (2 to a room, 10 meals and registration) - \$285.00

Package C (1 to a room, 10 meals and registration) - \$400.00

You will need to bring enough money for meals on the bus trip and for items you may wish to purchase at the Conference. If special accommodations need to be made, please contact us as soon as possible, but no later than the registration deadline of October 1, 2006.

All cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds after October 1, 2006.

Missouri SkillsUSA has reserved one bus for transportation to Nebraska. All Missouri SkillsUSA participants must ride the bus to and from Nebraska. The registration fee covers the cost of the bus. It is the responsibility of the local chapter or SkillsUSA district to transport the students to and from the pickup point. The bus will leave the St. Louis area on Wednesday, October 19, 2006, at approximately 9:00 a.m. It will travel along I-70 to Kansas City then North on I-29, with the final pickup at St. Joseph. We will let you know the pickup places and times when we see who will be attending. The bus will depart Columbus, Nebraska at approximately 10:30 a.m. Sunday and arrive in St. Louis by 9:00 p.m. Call 573-751-4460 if there are any questions concerning this trip.

Please remember to have personal health insurance cards or ID cards with you at all times. If students do not have individual insurance cards, please be sure that they bring photocopies of both sides of their parent or guardian's card for which they are eligible to receive benefits. Also bring the SkillsUSA Mid-America Leadership Conference **REGISTRATION, PERSONAL & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**, which **you will turn in when you board the bus.**

Mid-America Leadership Conference

October 18-22, 2006

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The Mid-America Conference is a leadership conference with training for State Officers and advisors with specifics on how to run a local chapter. The Conference is held yearly, the fourth weekend of October, at the New World Inn, Highway 30 & 81 South, Columbus, Nebraska, 68601, (800) 433-1492.

The Mid-America Leadership Conference began as the Region IV SkillsUSA Leadership Conference that held its first meeting at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska in 1977. The states that make up Region IV are: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. The states of Colorado, Illinois, Montana, Wisconsin and Wyoming also participate due to their past association with the conference.

At the Conference students and advisors will be divided up into chapters, and they will run an entire year program in three days. The students will be planning, implementing, and completing community service projects, fundraisers, officer elections, contests, and all necessary elements to have a successful chapter. Participants will have many opportunities to network and interact with participants from other states.

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The bus will leave the St. Louis area on Wednesday at approximately 9:00 a.m. It will travel along I-70 to Kansas City, then North on I-29, with the final pickup at St. Joseph. Pickup and drop-off places and times will be determined by those who will be attending. The bus will depart Columbus, Nebraska at approximately 10:30 a.m. Sunday and arrive in St. Louis by 9:00 p.m.

The registration fee will include meals, room, and travel arranged by the SkillsUSA Missouri Association. Registrations will be the responsibility of the local Chapter.

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